

Forum on DNS Abuse

Monday, 24 October, 2011

17:00- 18:30

Dakar, Senegal

Chapiteau Tent

Format: Most of the online crimes you hear of abuse the Domain Name System in some way. Whether a scam artist hides his identity by hosting his website behind an orphaned record, or a phisher registers a domain intended to resemble a famous brand, abuse of the DNS involves many ICANN stakeholders. Consumers and businesses can be victims of abuse, legitimate service providers might see criminals and fraudsters use those very services to commit offenses. This Forum is part of a continuing dialogue where the different stakeholders affected by DNS abuse can share information and ideas for responding to such abuse.

Introduction

Moderator: Nii Narku Quaynor (Former ICANN Board Director) 17:00-17:05 (five minutes)

The moderator will outline the purpose of the Forum, explain the format and panel topics. The moderator will also provide opening remarks.

Session 1: Latest Developments in the Fight against DNS Abuse 17:06-17:34 (approx. eight minutes each)

Panel: Pierre Danjineau (INFOCOM, former AFRINIC Board Member, Benin), Lanre Ajayi (Pinet Informatics, Nigeria), Frederick Gaudreau (Sûreté du Québec, Canada), and Gary Kibby (Serious Organized Crime Agency, United Kingdom)

This session highlights the latest developments in the fight against DNS-related abuse such as phishing, malware and crimeware. The speakers will address the regional challenges faced in Africa in responding to DNS-related abuse.

Questions and Answers 17:35-17:45 (10 min)

Session 2: Evolution of Domain Name Take-Downs 17:46-17:14 (approx. eight min each)

Panel: Michael Moran (INTERPOL), Rod Rasmussen (Anti-Phishing Working Group, USA), Don Blumenthal, Public Interest Registry (USA), Titi Akinsamni, (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa)

In recent times, domain take-downs processes for dealing with cyber-crime and other malicious conduct involving domain names have evolved from theory to practice. In the absence of uniform ICANN policies to address these concerns, security professionals, law enforcement agencies and private companies rely on voluntary cooperation, or legal process to accomplish these take-downs. The panelists will explore the effectiveness or challenges associated with these practices, and what role, if any, should ICANN play in the evolution of domain-name take-down practices.

Questions and Answers (18:15-18:25) (ten minutes)

Closing Remarks (Moderator) 18:25-18:30 (five minutes)

The Forum on DNS Abuse has turned into one of the more popular recurring sessions at ICANN international meetings. Join us for informative, up-to-the-minute reports from the global war against DNS abuse.
